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U.S. Attorney General hiding U.S. Special Virus Program says activist

SAN DIEGO - Human rights activist Boyd E. Graves was served copy of U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft's June 12, 2003 reply to his federal lawsuit compelling the United States provide the full and immediate disclosure of The U.S. Special Virus Program late Friday afternoon.

"Ashcroft is seeking to further hide the formerly secret U.S. Special Virus Program and the evidence of the laboratory birth of AIDS," Graves said referring to the U.S. Attorney General's response to his complaint which seeks review of over 20,000 federal virus development papers.

Graves has survived 11 years of HIV infection and alleges the laboratory birth of AIDS inside a recently declassified government virus program called The U.S. Special Virus. Graves, who has filed multiple petitions seeking an immediate review of a formerly secret federal virus development initiative since 1998, said HIV/AIDS is the product of The U.S. Special Virus Program.

"We believe the review of the 15 progress reports of the U.S. Special Virus Program will garner our best opportunity to begin the process of dismantling another federal program of human subject experimentation gone awry," Graves said. "The United States must account to the American people and the people of the world for the U.S. Special Virus Program."

Graves did not discuss the details of the government's latest reply brief. U.S. Justice Department officials were unreachable for comment late Friday afternoon. Graves said the federal petition for full disclosure of the U.S. Special Virus Program will continue.

Graves v. United States {02 CV 02396} is scheduled for opening arguments on June 27, 2003 during open court proceedings in the U.S. District Court for Southern California before Clinton era appointee Judge Jeffrey T. Miller.

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